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REMARKS

Applicants have received an Advisory Action dated January 26, 2004

regarding the above-identified U.S. patent application, indicating that the

amendment submitted December 29, 2003 will not be entered because the

amendment of Claims 2 through 7 and 9-10 to depend, directly or indirectly, from

Claim 14 creates a formal issue under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, in that

Claims 2 through 10 are directed to "a power supply", while Claim 14 is directed to a

vehicle. In response to this observation by the Examiner, and in response to the

Examiner's inquiry, Applicants have amended Claims 2 through 10 to depend from

Claim 15. In addition, this amendment also includes all of the changes previously

proposed in the amendment submitted December 29, 2003. Accordingly, all claims

remaining of record in this application should now be allowable.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in

general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should

expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a

petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please

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charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #225/50450).

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